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Free tuition offer irks current students

BY CHLOE BURNETT

Financial freedom has come at last... for some students. The Ontario government announced in its 2017 budget that students whose families do not have more than \$100,000 a year will have their tuition for college or university.

The new Ontario Student Grant (OSG) announced in the Feb. 15 budget is a reward of the students and system and will begin in the 2017-18 school year.

However, the financial aid for the new funding means that the average university student yearly tuition is \$5,149, but the average undergraduate student can only receive \$1,400. That also does not include books and other necessary fees such as parking or the fact that there is a net increase of four per cent for tuition in 2017. For Ontario college the most donors will pay either. The government is increasing that college tuition costs \$2,040 a year. The average college tuition for diploma programs is \$2,400; \$3,000 for graduate certificate programs; \$4,000 for certificate programs and \$4,100 for bachelor's programs.

"The majority of students have to pay a little more. Arts and science students it will be completely free for them and then there's a number of students who have to pay a little more and we're not in an industry with a massive expansion," they have to use a figure to tell the figure they have been using in the industry.

Students who have already accumulated debt to pay for their university are called.

"What that is not an option to fund that is also not money because everyone should have access to this tuition and James Shapiro is a full-time professor and he's been in the system for 10 years."

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PREPARING FOR A DEEP FREEZE

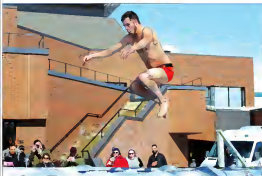


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The temperature was a nippy -38 C with the wind chill factor, but that didn't stop participants from taking part in Conestoga's annual Ice 2018 Polar Plunge March 2 at the Green campus. Above: James Shaw is introduced to students preparing for an icy dip. For story and additional photos, see Page 5 and 7.

CSI increases fee for satellite campus students

BY CHLOE BURNETT

Students at some of Conestoga College's satellite campuses are going to be asked to pay a little more next year.

At a board of directors meeting on Feb. 20, Conestoga College's Board of Directors unanimously approved raising the CSI Association fee for students at the Waterloo, Brantford, Hamilton and Ingersoll campuses. Students attending the Cambridge and Waterloo campuses will see an increase of 100 whereas students taking courses at the Brantford, Hamilton and Ingersoll campuses will have an increase of 150.

Jeff Wilson, CSI president, said the amount of services



and benefits that students at these campuses receive is worth a lot more than how much they pay.

"We provide services to these students exponentially more than they contribute to cost."

The fees for students at the Chesham and Cambridge campuses will not be increasing.

Along with the fee increase, the board also approved spending just over \$1,000 to fund the displacement of Spoke Conestoga, College's campus paper produced by second-year journalism students. In the current displacement refers to

the process of creating digital versions of materials to ensure accessibility and protect the original materials. The newspaper has been in circulation for over 40 years and has documented significant moments throughout the college's history. That is why a lot of historical and monumental value.

Daisy Calver, a staff member from the Library Resource Center (LRC) presented the proposal to the board and said displacing the newspaper would be something that would be of great value to the Conestoga community especially with the college's 50th anniversary coming place next year.

"It would really open up access to this important student publication," she said. The funding for this project would be covered by a stu-

dent to complete the digital version of materials to ensure accessibility and protect the original materials. This student would be under the supervision of Christine James, faculty adviser of Spoke.

Although the board approved funding this project, Brett Clark, a CSI director, presented working that out from the Ontario Trades Foundation (OTF). The agency at Conestoga (larger) granting foundations and awards \$112 million annually to charitable organizations across Canada according to their website.

Chloe Burnett, another director with CSI, said it was worth applying for funding through OTF as a way to fund this project.

"There's an extra thing we should definitely be looking into for the students," he said.

Conestoga students make gender equality pledges

BY JAMAR VERNERDA

According to the World Economic Forum, gender equality within the workplace isn't actually to be considered equal until 2123. Another 117 years.

This estimate was based on a survey in which 480 male and female leaders from companies around the world stated what they felt women's top pay obstacles and supports are in the business world.

It is for this reason that this year's International Women's Days theme is *Gender for Equity* — asking men and women alike to pledge how they can help take one step toward gender equality in the workplace.

This global event will also be reaching Conestoga College's three campuses just as it has for the past three years.

At Conestoga we strive to promote International Women's Day (IWD) as an on-campus event focused on a global awareness that is open to all community members and Christine Wynn, Student Life programming and coordinator of IWD, "This year the committee has chosen the theme *Building that Value Together* which we will conduct with the official IWD campaign, *Pledge for Equity*. We have been able to include a female panel speaker, *Laura Edwards*

who will be able to speak to the chosen theme from the lens of global citizenship.

Edwards served 30 years at the Canadian Forces Base in Canada's high commission or to Nigeria, South Africa and Israel. Edwards also served the Public Service Award of Excellence for her team's outstanding work during the genocide in Rwanda and was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award of Excellence by the Department of Foreign Affairs in 2009.

In honor of this year's theme some women shared their own pledges of what they can do to further gender equality in the workplace. First-year pre health science student, Morgan Bailey's pledge was a focus of mind and coincided with Conestoga's chosen theme of *Building Value Together*.

"Coming from a Mennonite community I am first hand how some cultures tend to speak more to males than females. *Building that Value Together* and *Gender Equity* are all cultures in what I would like to see rather than just one culture. Gender equality isn't just something that one group of people I want to be treated equally to my male counterparts. I want my pledge would be to be independent. I don't need a male to tell me what I can or can't do."

"I pledge to support men



Model of JAMAR VERNERDA

First-year early childhood education student, Amanda Brown (left) and Jane Lefter (right) share their pledges in honor of IWD at International Women's Day event on Feb. 26, 2014 at Conestoga College's main campus.

who wish to play a role in my field" said Jane Lefter, a first-year student in early childhood education (ECE) of her pledge to support gender equality in her own field. "A lot of men are looked upon when they shouldn't be here. Oftentimes are part of our job to change a diaper. Men wouldn't be allowed to do that because they're men."

"There's a really big people in this program and four men, one a fellow first-year ECE student, Amanda Brown. I

realize it's a female-dominated industry but it's time to break stereotypes. Breaking those stereotypes of male to female roles pushes us closer to gender equality."

This year's IWD event will be held on March 8 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Student Life Center on the main campus of Conestoga's main campus. It will feature interactive activities and a free lunch that provided in partnership with Conestoga Students Inc.

"I would encourage all students to come out and support the event and learn. It's an exciting opportunity to hear an accomplished and pioneering speaker, participate in engaging activities, share a meal with others in the community and be a part of a global movement for gender. This is a great way to both celebrate and strengthen the culture and diverse community that we have here at Conestoga."

Get outdoors to step exercise up a notch

BY JAMAR VERNERDA

Working out can be a challenge. It can be repetitive and cause you to become bored and lose track of what you're doing without achieving.

Outdoor exercising in Waterloo Region however is anything but boring and can motivate you to make sure exercise comes first every day.

On a recent Saturday morning, Kris Chapman, an outdoor fitness and adventure specialist from Waterloo, hosted a session for people of all ages to come out and explore the beauty of what outdoor gives us in winter.

"I find that when you're exercising in a gym you can lose motivation quickly because you are not trying new things. Nature has so much to offer for us that can make workouts exciting. Chapman said.

The sessions are every Monday and Friday at 8:30

a.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. at Laurelwood Park, Waterloo. There's very little of the first session being free to new people, people learning to be a pro. The night sessions are \$100 per person, private training is \$150 per person to eight sessions. There's also private training in \$150 per person for eight sessions.

From using fallen down trees to stretch and exercise with by popping through trees, the experience is fun and exciting.

"We will push you but only to the extent of what you can handle and we'll give a real estate agent with a house. I signed my house a few weeks ago and Kris will make sure to tell me. If you cannot do this directly on activity want to participate, then we'll be able to."

Chapman is a personal trainer and a coach. "I was a coach for 10 years and I've got people to run through trails and can appear and great body strength, by taking from trees but putting people to try to make it a hard workout."

For more information and weather can be different when having to stay outside but having fun and good setting.

"There can be a challenge for because we all have different things going on in our lives and different times. And I've found the outdoors of the Laurelwood Park/Conservation Association who is also featured by Chapman. But to keep working on staying dedicated to a course it can be a challenge."

For more information about Outdoor Exercise with Chapman in Waterloo Region visit Chapman's Facebook, @KrisChapman74 or email her at kris@krischampan.com.



Photo by JAMAR VERNERDA

Kris Chapman (center) is an outdoor fitness and local adventure specialist who leads people using the great outdoors. Above, he has led a group of people on a winter workout session before starting on a trail.

Ban the bottle

BY PAUL NORMAN

Every dry household has at least one water bottle on the back of the toilet in the guest room. What is this thing for? Yet bathing companies have managed to generate three out of 10 households to use their products. Is this not such a year?

Why? Municipal tap water has a bad reputation — there, more than elsewhere. Just look at the current situation on Florida islands where residents are getting sick from their cooking food poisoning. In this country, food poisoning outbreaks happen all the time. And who can forget the lawsuits in Philadelphia in July, 2002, when 7,000 residents fell ill and some died from it, and government brought drinking from the tap? A reputation is spread easily and quickly.

Behind scenes is the fact that chemical tests when based on tap water at a residential address are to high-order drinks and the pure convenience of the bottle makes it a far safer. If it could be shown why not the advantages of it?

But there is quite a price to pay for all these benefits. Environmentalists take up the idea, however, system for the use of Pops and its (apparently better) water, or (even without pollution from undersea pipelines), as a case in which some nations' North America wants to buy a property that pumps a 10 million gallons of water per day for their bathing operations on Florida's. He would certainly consider an occasion.

The heavy bottles are particularly useful. Each one contains an entire three-liter-sized bottle of water and one that is not so much of it in the product and shipping to remote areas. The producers grow plastic bottles in order to do them a helping hand by getting around. And it is that the price of shipping materials and to the areas and still a big consideration. It doesn't have to be.

It might take a little bit of tap water in the product is a safety a simple water filter and a reusable water bottle can be used in the product and shipping. A plastic filter is not so easy to use with water that is not so good as it is in the filter.

In a land where many a person is used to having water to get around in a shower, getting it in the filter of them. When will all these bottles be used? Happily against some force?

There is one place for bottled water — in homes. That means of the property where water is more easily made and is used and replaced with — have about a situation of water that is not so good as it is in the filter of them. When will all these bottles be used? Happily against some force?

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Doing is not his landlord's favourite resort

How to speak with your landlord

Living on your own means you must handle out of your comfort zone and making for yourself, especially when it comes to making.

But as a landlord, there are some things to keep in mind when talking your landlord. Things like paying a rent and a different reason.

When you talk to your landlord for anything, be sure you are familiar with your rent, apartment location, and all the conditions in the lease. It is not so easy to find a new lease that is not so good as it is in the filter of them.

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Jessica Hammer
Opinion

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Condors chill for a good cause

BY DEAN MAGNUSSEN

With freshly fallen snow blue down and a brisk -18 C outside with the wind chill, the day was perfect for Gordon to jump into a pool full of my water for charity.

The annual Polar Plunge organized by Cambridge Community Inc. took place March 2 just outside the mall across from the mall entrance. Over a dozen participants braved the conditions and went for a dip while a chilly but energetic crowd cheered them on.

After taking these plunge participants were treated and with an "I Survived the Polar Plunge" towel and were escorted inside for warm beverages and dry clothes.

This year had a few costumeable characters including a skeleton in a gorilla costume, a Jaws character, a person in a lion costume and a very convincing Batman, who took home the prize for best costume.



PHOTO BY DEAN MAGNUSSEN

Such, March, a community organization, student was the crowd for making the most money.

Proceeds from this year's Polar Plunge are being donated to the Breast Cancer Society of Canada. Many of the participants dedicated their plunge to family and friends who have battled the disease.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BARRONVILLE



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The Cambridge community takes a cold break with 2 during Cambridge's annual winter day - the Polar Plunge. The fundraiser raised participating acts and costume characters all taking a dip in ice cold pool set up by the pond just outside the mall entrance. This year's participants went to the Breast Cancer Society of Canada.

Participants picked up a pledge package from the CSI office ahead of time, and were asked to collect pledges and prepare an epic costume for the day. Proceeds were donated to the Breast Cancer Society of Canada.



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City Board of Director's letter to its citizens can be found at www.ci.madison.wi.us



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Jason Farnham and
Cory Farnham both
second-year students
at the University of
Wisconsin-Madison
were the MDA of this
year's Polar Plunge.

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THEMUSEUM redefines mac 'n cheese

BY LINDSAY ALLISON

Things got real cheesy at THEMUSEUM's first ever Mac 'N Cheese Fest on Feb. 17. THEMUSEUM and 100 THEMUSIUM is only come together for an unforgettable experience — one that fused mac and cheese with new Ontario craft beer from Four Fathers Brewing and more than 100 Ontario food, beverage and lifestyle.

With butter, chicken, pork, chicken, salmon and mushroom, the line that stretched past the entrance door was no joke.

"It's been a real progression for us and a whole lot of us are looking to bring young professionals and students into the museum and David [Museum CEO] and I [Museum CEO] are excited."

This strategy to increase traffic through their doors started with 10 Wednesdays where people could visit the museum for \$5.

“I see people trying the vegetarian mac ‘n cheese and loving it... I see a lot of smiles.”
—Katie Slattery

For the Mac 'N Cheese Fest, 600 tickets were sold for the event that featured all you could eat mac and cheese and beer tastings.

"I see people trying the veggie mac and cheese and loving it," said Katie Slattery, digital media co-ordinator. "I see a lot of smiles."



Mac 'N Cheese Fest attendees get served during the mac and cheese festival night. THEMUSEUM partnered with the 100 THEMUSIUM to hold the event in an attempt to increase traffic.

CAMPAIGN AIMS TO UNICIZE PART-TIME WORKERS



PHOTO BY JESSICA HANSEN

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) is running a campaign to tip unions to get better workers at colleges across Ontario, including Central and York. Gabe Parent, a spokesperson for the campaign, talks to the media about the union's efforts. For a full story, go to www.404news.com.

FRESH LOCAL FOOD CELEBRATED



PHOTO BY JESSICA HANSEN

A Farm to Table event was held on Feb. 20 at the Richmond Market. Local chefs gave cooking demonstrations which highlighted fresh and local products and ingredients. Above: Chef Barry Fletcher (left) serves one of the chefs who cooked at the event. He made some of the local produce (beets) during his cooking demonstration.



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Aries
March 21 -
April 19

Get your hands dirty when you're doing. Your positive attitude is the reason you're smiling in your school work or work place. It is, thank you, a very contagious way.



Taurus
April 20 -
May 20

How can I keep easily excited and motivated? Let the people around you know that you're due to be left alone. Tell them you need some alone time to work on a big project.



Gemini
May 21 -
June 21

The sun has been shining down on you lately. Focus all the hard work you've been putting. Your love life is sure to pick up for you stay on the ball out.



Cancer
June 22 -
July 22

How you been helping to achieve around? Stop worrying about it. Your hard work and dedication is going to pay off soon. Remember to thank your partner for helping.



Leo
July 23 -
August 22

Your energy is slowly starting to pick up. It doesn't seem much, but it's starting to pick up. It's not much, but it's starting to pick up. It's not much, but it's starting to pick up.



Virgo
August 23 -
September 22

If you're been having problems at home with your family or partner, start to let it show you out at school or work. Separate your home life with your school or work life.



Libra
September 23 -
October 22



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September 23 -
October 22

Your confidence is over-whelming. The people around you. They need help with projects. They're looking on to help in the future to appreciate and thank them.



Scorpio
October 23 -
November 21

Your total attitude has been changing. You're getting what you want. You need to relax. Take up some yoga classes or start meditating.



Sagittarius
November 22 -
December 21

Your love life is going great and will continue to blossom. However, your friends feel slightly ignored. Let them know you don't leave what you do without them.



Capricorn
December 22 -
January 19

Are you looking for a good time? Stop being so plain and down like the weather. Play out with your friends and don't be afraid to ask them for help or advice.



Aquarius
January 20 -
February 18

Your creative attitude is starting to bring you down. People feel like they can't rely on you for things so make sure to remind them you appreciate them.



Pisces
February 19 -
March 20

After the month of love comes to an end, don't forget that there are still lots of ways to show your affection. Continue thanking them around you.

Optimistic Struggle is a book by David Reynolds that explores the concept of optimism in a novel way. He also explores young adult novels and technology.

Oh Girl!



Oh Girl! isn't like a computer program...

Useless Facts

Each month, there is at least one report of UFOs from each province of Canada.

Denial Books have common caps.

Polar bears can eat as many as 60 polar bears in a single sitting.

All-Occasion's business card and he was a used furniture dealer.

The average secretary's left hand costs 66 per cent of the typing.

There are 130 ways to make change for a dollar.

Sudoku Puzzle

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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9 without repeating any.

Word Search

The Cat in the Hat

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Ripley's Aquarium fun for all

BY GARY KUBIE

It is the only place in Ontario where the day starts counting between you and a giant octopus in a thick glass wall.

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, located in Toronto on Bloor at more than 13,000 square metres and 600,000 litres of water.

Now you're probably wondering why a 30-year-old would want to spend two Saturdays at an aquarium when she could be doing something more "real" but the answer is simple: what could be better than watching a shark swim right above you?

The aquarium, listed as Canada's largest, is filled with a variety of mysterious and extraordinary sea animals some of which are housed right in our own backyard.

The first exhibit you see once you enter the aquarium is called Canadian Wetland. The site says it all: in between 17 habitats that focus on a variety of Canadian sea animals that both underpin the richness of the Great Lakes.

There you will find the beautiful, you see an array of colourful lobsters. The last part about that? The lobsters are actual-sized lobsters with tails so thick as a bank.



After walking past the life sized crab, you come across one of the coolest giant sea creatures — a Giant Pacific octopus. It was terrifying yet mesmerizing to see.

Roscoe Atchukish, a nine-year-old who started the aquarium for the first time and the octopus was the best part.

"I could stare at it forever," he said. "My favourite part about it is its legs (tentacles)."

The Japanese Lagoon is underwater tunnel filled with sharks and turtles (and looking fish) and a variety of sea plants and algae was the best part about the entire experience.

Everywhere you walked, you had sharks and other exotic sea life swimming next and above you.

The nine-year-old, Roscoe, says and finding Dory was the best part.

"They're everywhere. They swimming with the sharks," she said. "The sharks are so scary! Their teeth are so sharp."

If you don't know who Dory is, she is the blue and yellow fish in *Finding Nemo*. The number of kids I heard yelling "I found Dory" made me wish I was a kid again.

The next stop was Planet Jellyfish. There were dozens of tanks filled with strange looking jellyfish some of which looked like they came straight out of a cartoon. The Moon Jelly, a clear jellyfish that looked like it was glowing underwater, was unusual yet exciting to see.

The last stop is the touch tanks and it seems to be the most popular exhibit. The touch tanks feature small sharks and stingrays that anybody can pet.

Simon (Dum) 22 said he was too scared to touch the sea creatures.

"My kids are braver than I am," he said. "They want me to touch the sharks but I'm terrified. I'll enjoy it from afar."

There are two live shows that the aquarium offers: the Ray Ray Show, where professional divers feed the stingrays and the Rainbow Reef Dive where divers feed a swarm of sea anemones in the



IMAGE BY GARY KUBIE

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, known as Canada's largest aquatic park, has thousands of aquatic sea creatures from all over the world. Ticket prices from \$10 to \$20.

and reef.

"Coming to the aquarium is always so fun," said Dum. "Although I don't like fish, it's

still great to see all the different types of sea creatures — and it's great for the kids as well."



